

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

26 August 1948

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Sullivan and Cromwell
48 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Allen:

I want to reply to a number of questions which came up during our discussion yesterday evening.


You asked me about the secrecy oath. I am enclosing a copy of the oath which Sprague, Larocque, Saxe, and I have signed at the request of CIA. It is a modification of the oath which they require of their own employees, and I believe that it takes care of the point you had in mind.

I called Eberstadt today and told him that you would get in touch with him in order to discuss the desirability of anyone from the Survey Group testifying before the Committee during the formal hearings which they are planning to hold on 9-10 September. I will assume, therefore, that this matter is now in your hands.

Hillenkoetter and Galloway are leaving for abroad on the 15th of September and I urgently recommend that we clear up with them before that time the question of access to Galloway's organization. I think it would be very unfortunate if we have to deal with this matter in their absence. For this reason, I hope that you will be able to determine as soon as possible whether you expect to be able to look into this problem yourself.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", with a horizontal line underneath.

Robert Blum

Enclosure - 1